

June 2004

302(b) Allocations in Perspective

House Appropriations Committee Chairman, Bill Young (R-FL), released the 302(b) allocations for the 13 Appropriations subcommittees—in other words, the amounts above which each subcommittee's appropriation bill is not supposed to go. See the allocations provided by the Appropriations Committee below or at this weblink:

http://appropriations.house.gov/_files/302b1.pdf

This document shows how each 302(b) allocation compares to the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, which, according to the Department of Labor, increased **2.3%** between April 2003 and April 2004: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

Increases in the FY2005 Allocations over the FY2004 Enacted Levels that Are Greater than Inflation:

Foreign Operations	+10.90%
Military Construction	+7.37%
Defense (excluding a transfer to Homeland Security)	+7.03%
Commerce, Justice, State	+5.88%
Homeland Security (excluding a transfer from Defense)	+5.31%
Total discretionary spending (the 302(a) allocation)	+4.53%
District of Columbia	+3.32%
Energy & Water	+2.68%
Labor, HHS, Education	+2.42%
VA, HUD, & Independent Agencies	+2.35%

Increases in the FY2005 Allocations over the FY2004 Enacted Levels that Are Lower than Inflation:

Transportation & Treasury	-10.33%
Agriculture	-0.40%
Interior	+0.94%
Legislative Branch	+1.36%

NOTE: all figures exclude supplemental appropriations.

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Chairman's Recommended FY 2005 302(b) Allocations

(budget authority, in millions of dollars)

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Pres. Request ¹	302(b) Allocation	Recommended Allocation vs.	
				Enacted	Request
Agriculture.....	16,839	16,569	16,772	-67	+203
Commerce, Justice, State.....	37,581	39,553	39,792	+2,211	+239
Defense.....	366,383	392,585	392,135	+25,752	-450
<i>(transfer to Homeland Sec.).....</i>	<i>(---)</i>	<i>(---)</i>	<i>(-1,204)</i>	<i>(-1,204)</i>	<i>(-1,204)</i>
<i>(Defense net of transfer).....</i>	<i>(366,383)</i>	<i>(392,585)</i>	<i>(390,931)</i>	<i>(+24,548)</i>	<i>(-1,654)</i>
District of Columbia.....	542	560	560	+18	---
Energy and Water Development....	27,257	27,938	27,988	+731	+50
Foreign Operations.....	17,481	21,318	19,386	+1,905	-1,932
Homeland Security.....	29,242	31,104	30,796	+1,554	-308
<i>(transfer from Defense).....</i>	<i>(---)</i>	<i>(---)</i>	<i>(1,204)</i>	<i>(+1,204)</i>	<i>(+1,204)</i>
<i>(Homeland net of transfer).....</i>	<i>(29,242)</i>	<i>(31,104)</i>	<i>(32,000)</i>	<i>(+2,758)</i>	<i>(+896)</i>
Interior.....	19,542	19,982	19,726	+184	-256
Labor, HHS, Education.....	138,957	142,050	142,317	+3,360	+267
Legislative.....	3,527	3,977	3,575	+48	-402
<i>(House and joint accounts).....</i>	<i>(2,752)</i>	<i>(3,153)</i>	<i>(2,752)</i>	<i>(---)</i>	<i>(-401)</i>
<i>(Senate accounts).....</i>	<i>(775)</i>	<i>(824)</i>	<i>(823)</i>	<i>(+48)</i>	<i>(-1)</i>
Military Construction.....	9,316	9,553	10,003	+687	+450
Transportation, Treasury.....	28,370	25,714	25,439	-2,931	-275
VA, HUD, Independent Agencies...	90,800	92,129	92,930	+2,130	+801
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Total discretionary spending...	785,837	823,032	821,419	+35,582	-1,613
302(a) allocation.....			821,419		

¹ President's request includes budget amendment submitted on May 6, 2004, and excludes the \$25 billion Defense amendment.